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Notes on a New National Security Studies Institute

1. National Security Studies as used here means the study of the military, political and economic factors that affect our security in important ways. Military factors should be at the core of the Institute's work but its scope should be broad.
2. The proposed purposes of the Institute are:
 - a. to advance understanding of the present situation and future prospects for US security, the dangers and opportunities that exist, and the alternative technical and political courses of action that might be pursued;
 - b. to do classified work on relevant topics;
 - c. within the limits of contractual relationships and national security interests, to communicate findings and concepts to public audiences;
 - d. through work on these topics, to train younger people.
3. The majority of the Institute's financing should come from private sources. It should have a staff of at least 25 full time equivalent professional people which implies an annual budget of about \$3 million dollars (in 1983 dollars). Financing should be committed several years into the future on a rolling basis. This financing arrangement is designed to:
 - a. provide stability which is lacking in most defense research organizations;
 - b. provide a substantial degree of independence from government support.
4. Classified work and access to classified information are important if the aims of the Institute described in Point 2 above are to be met. This should be achieved in two ways:
 - a. through contracts with government agencies;
 - b. through participation by staff members on government advisory committees.
5. Although the bulk of the Institute's work will not be technical, its members should be informed on technological developments and trends. Organizational arrangements should be sought to facilitate this perhaps through association with an organization doing technical work.
6. In order to achieve its public communications goals, the Institute should be located on the East Coast within easy commuting distance of Washington and New York.

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